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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS OF AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AND JOURNALISTS SUBSEQUENT TO STATEMENT MADE TO
PRESS BY SPOKESMAN JUNE 25 (REFTEL).

Q. ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS DONE SOME-
THING DETRIMENTAL TO OUR FOREIGN POLICY, OR PERHAPS SOME-
THING UNPATRIOTIC?

A. NO, I AM NOT SAYING THAT

Q. ARE YOU CRITICIZING THE TIMES FOR RUNNING THE STORY?

A. NO, I AM NOT CRITICIZING THE TIMES FOR RUNNING THE STORY.
I AM JUST STATING THAT THE MAPS THAT ARE THERE ARE INACCU-
RATE AND HIGHLY MISLEADING AS THE STATEMENT SAID.

Q. IF THEY ARE INACCURATE AND HIGHLY MISLEADING, HOW CAN
THEY BE CHARACTERIZED AS LEAKS OF CONFIDENTIAL DIPLOMATIC
POSITIONS?

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Q. EXCHANGES, PLEASE.

A. I JUST DON'T WANT TO GET INTO ANY SUBSTANTIVE DIS-
CUSSION AT ALL.

Q. YES, BUT IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU COULD TELL US WHERE
THEY ARE MOST MISLEADING, FOR INSTANCE -- WHAT ABOUT THE

STORY ITSELF?

A. I HAVE NO OTHER COMMENTS.

Q. YOU STATE IN YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE MAPS THAT APPEARED IN THE TIMES ARE INACCURATE AND HIGHLY MISLEADING. DO YOU THINK --

A. AS THE STATEMENT SAID, WE WOULD CAUTION ANYONE FROM DRAWING ANY CONCLUSION FROM THESE PRESS ACCOUNTS.

Q. ARE YOU SPEAKING OF COMPETITIVE?

A. IN THE STATEMENT?

Q. BUT THE IMPLICATION IS THAT SINCE YOU ARE ONLY CALLING THE MAPS INACCURATE, THE STORY IS ACCURATE.

A. NO, I AM NOT MAKING THAT -- AND YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE THAT IMPLICATION.

Q. DO YOU MEAN "COMPETITIVE" AS BETWEEN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND OTHER JOURNALS, OR AS BETWEEN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT LEAKING AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT LEAKING? WHOSE COMPETITION ARE YOU REFERRING TO?

A. I LEAVE THAT TO YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT.

Q. IT'S VERY VAGUE, HERE, I AM SERIOUS. I'M NOT TRYING TO MAKE A JOKE OF IT. I REALLY WANT TO KNOW -- WHOSE COMPETITIVENESS ARE YOU REFERRING TO? ARE YOU SAYING NEWSPAPERS ARE IN COMPETITION IN LEAKING OR THE GOVERNMENTS?

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Q. ARE YOU SAYING THE GOVERNMENTS?

A. I AM NOT IMPLYING, AT ALL, THAT NEWSPAPERS ARE IN COMPETITION.

Q. WELL, YOU ARE SAYING THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, THEN, IS COMPETITIVELY LEAKING AGAINST THE U.S. AND THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS. IS THAT IT?

A. I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. THAT IS THE IMPLICATION YOU ARE LEAVING, THEN?

A. YOU CAN DRAW ANY CONCLUSION YOU WISH, HERE.

Q. WELL IF YOU SAY IT IS NOT JOURNALISTIC COMPETITION, THEN THAT IS THE ONLY OTHER SORT THAT SEEMS TO STAND ON THE RECORD.

A. I AM SAYING, OBVIOUSLY, IT ISN'T JOURNALISTIC COMPETITION.

Q. YOU ARE SAYING IT IS NOT?

A. YES.

Q. IS THIS YOUR STATEMENT?

A. THE STATEMENT THAT I HAVE JUST READ?

Q. YES.

A. BUT I STARTED OFF WITH, "THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO -- " ETC. BUT I AM SAYING IT. YES, SIR.

Q. ARE YOU INVESTIGATING TO SEE WHETHER THESE LEAKS ARE COMING FROM THE AMERICAN SOURCES IN ISRAEL?

A. I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY INVESTIGATION.
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Q. IS THERE ANY SUSPICION THAT THE LEAK WAS FROM AMERICAN SOURCES IN ISRAEL?

A. I CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT. I JUST DON'T KNOW. KISSINGER

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